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Former Longhorn quarterback Colt McCoy walks through the Halls of the Moncreif-Neuhaus Athletic Center on Wednesday before he threw in public for the first time since injuring his shoulder during the BCS National Championship game.

Colt tackles doubts at Pro Day

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

Calm, unnerved and confident, Colt McCoy put an end to all questions regarding his shoulder during Texas' Pro Day on Wednesday.

Since doctors advised the former Texas quarterback to not participate in the NFL Combine in late February, he had yet to publicly show his health after pinching a nerve in his right shoulder

against Alabama in the national championship game in January. A strong Pro Day performance was mandatory for McCoy.

"I've been waiting a long time for this day," McCoy said. "About three weeks ago, my shoulder was cleared to be 100 percent and I started working and chunking the ball deep, getting my accuracy and my quick release back, and working on my feet, and I

put it all together [at Pro Day]. I felt really good about [my performance]. I went out and killed it."

Including his warm up, McCoy threw about 90 comeback, play action and deep balls to ex-teammates Jordan Shipley, Quan Cosby and Nate Jones — all former favorite targets of McCoy — and Brian Carter, a member of

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Students fail to recognize plagiarism

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Each semester, one UT chemistry lecturer has at least 50 students in his or her classes who are unknowingly guilty of cheating when they use old information gleaned from online sources to answer exam, textbook or homework questions.

Chemistry lecturer Conrad Fjetland said most of these students — who use Web sites like *CourseHero.com*, a "social learning network" — do not understand that using these materials is considered plagiarism. Course Hero and similar sites provide students with specific course information compiled from real classes and assignments. Its Facebook page currently has 265,415 fans.

"Using these sites as study aids is one thing, but when you go there specifically to find answers, that's when you've crossed the line," he said. "Some students don't really specifically understand what plagiarism is. That's the most common [example of cheating] I see. I basically tell the students that if you go to these sites and you look at this report, you have officially cheated in the course."

In 2008-09, there were 1,089 re-

ported academic and non-academic cases, which include disruptive classroom behavior and cheating. Of those cases, 421 resulted from academic dishonesty, which includes plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration. Faculty members who are unable to resolve issues with a particular student can send the case to the office's Student Judicial Services, a body that can either hold a hearing to determine disciplinary action or give an administrative disposition in which a student agrees with the charges and waives his or her right to a hearing. Of the reported academic dishonesty cases, 186 were referred to judicial services in the 2008-2009 year, but only seven students were suspended from UT for academic dishonesty.

Rutgers University management and global business professor Donald McCabe, whose expertise includes college cheating, said there is data to support the assertion that engineering students cut corners more often than liberal arts students. McCabe said engineering students use solution manuals to solve problems in their textbooks to manage their time more effectively.

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Low census return rate could affect state funds

By Destinee Hodge
& Gabrielle Cloudy
Daily Texan Staff

College students are not the only ones late to turn in their papers. According to a recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau, the city of Austin has a return rate of 39 percent on census forms. The forms are officially due today.

"It's scaring the hell out of us," said Constable Bruce Elfant, who works for the 5th Precinct for Travis County. "We don't know why they're not sending them in."

Elfant said that unless they know the reasons behind people's failure to submit their census forms, nothing can be done to fix the problem.

Texas is ranked 48th in the nation, with a 44-percent return rate, and the state is being monitored, according to the Census Bureau Web site.

If Texans do not fill out the forms, the low population representation will mean lower amounts of money allocated to

the state from the federal government.

"[There is] more than \$400 billion that can be allocated throughout the states," city spokeswoman Samantha Park said. "Unless we fill it out, we can't get it."

The census is conducted every 10 years and uses the data to help the government determine how to allocate federal funding to states and the cities within them.

A 2001 study showed that it cost local and state governments more than \$2,900 for each person who didn't return their census forms. If Texas residents do not turn in their forms, the state will lose out on millions of dollars in funding that could go toward public need, including University funding.

"Two of the lowest areas [for census filing] in Travis County are West Campus and Riverside," Elfant said.

A major issue is that some students who live off campus are

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Event prepares students for Easter

By Karishma Hossain
Daily Texan Staff

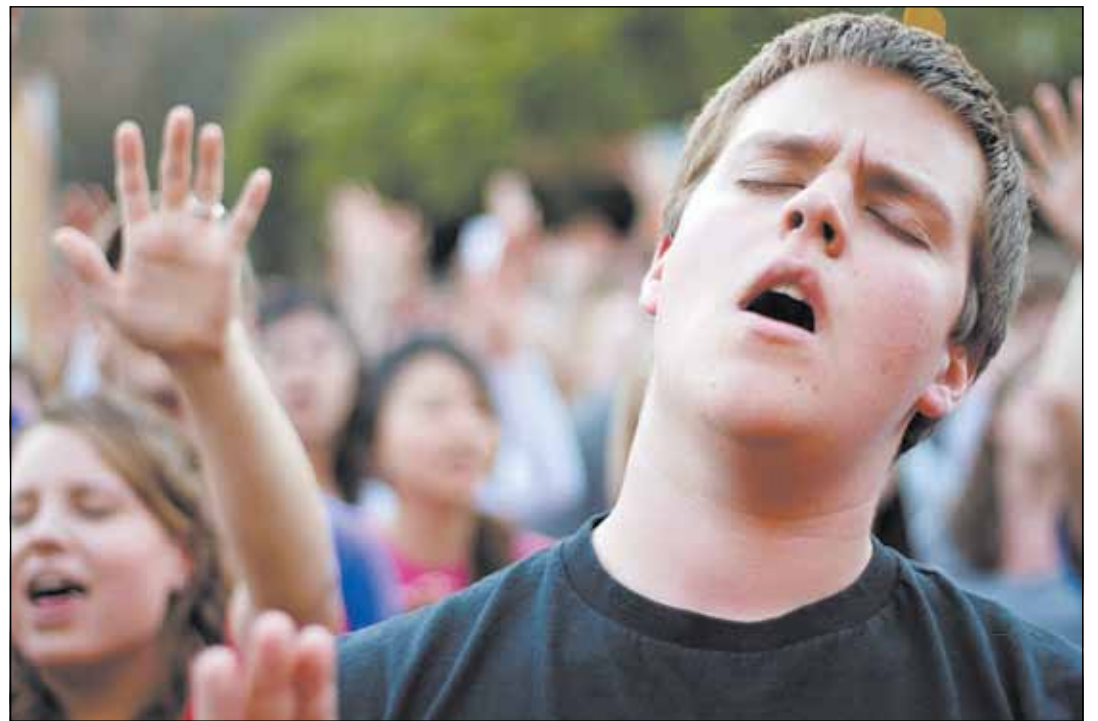
Students have prepared for Easter weekend with Rez Week, a four-day celebration at Gregory Plaza that included worship, prayer, speakers and concerts.

Rez Week, short for Resurrection Week, has been an ongoing, 96-hour event, which lasted Monday through Thursday and was hosted by the UT campus ministries, the body that oversees all Christian organizations on campus.

"The purpose of this event is to explore repentance, prayer and mission in hopes of understanding how God wants us to prepare for revival on the UT campus," said Celia Lugo, the event's coordinator and an advertising senior.

This year's theme is "Breaking Ground," taken from the Bible verse Hosea 10:12, which reads "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of

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Chris Kosho | Daily Texan Staff

Mechanical engineering freshman Travis Brack worships with hundreds of Christian students at Rez Week, a multi-denominational campus-wide celebration of Jesus Christ which takes place every spring semester at the Gregory Gym Plaza. The event concludes tonight with music and prayer.

E-Bus moves toward stricter policies, monitoring

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

Starting tonight, students will have to swipe their UT student IDs before riding the E-Bus.

The E-Bus, provided by Capital Metro Transit, transports students between campus and downtown Thursday through Saturday nights for free. The swiping measure is an effort by Cap Metro and the University to better track how many people are using the E-Bus as well as which stops and routes are most popular, Cap Metro spokeswoman Misty Whited said.

This will help Cap Metro improve services by adding stops and buses where necessary, Whited said.

es where necessary, Whited said.

"When we have an overcrowding issue, our operator will ask dispatch to call for Q-Buses, extra buses we use," she said. "Swiping will help us plan better, so we can have operators who run Q-buses focus on different areas where we see a lot of overcrowding."

Non-students riding the bus are expected to pay a \$1 fare or use a \$2 day pass to ride the bus, but this is hard to monitor when large crowds haphazardly surge onto the bus, Whited said. If everyone is having to swipe, it will make sure those who are not supposed to ride the bus for free are paying,

she said.

The information from the swipes will only be used to monitor the numbers of people getting on the bus. No information will be collected about ages or other demographics of riders, Whited said. She also said bus operators will be available to help students line up, get on the bus and swipe in a timely fashion.

"We have the operators sitting right there to help those who can't get their card through on the first few tries," she said. "Our operators are really good about trying to speed up the process."

In the past, Cap Metro has paid

for the E-Bus service in what Blanca Juarez, UT's alternative transportation manager, said was a "goodwill act to the city and the University." Because of increased ridership and the changing economy, UT will now have to pay for part of the services. Juarez said this will increase the importance of monitoring ridership because UT can use that information to calculate how much it has to pay for the service.

"Before, we could only offer recommendations for the service," she said. "Now that we're actually going to be paying for it, we can get leverage based on ridership."



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Sen. Kirk Watson addresses the crowd at the Count Me Latino Census Rally at Casa Chapala on Wednesday evening. Watson stressed the importance of community members sending in their census on time.



TIP OF THE DAY

Turn off computers, printers and office equipment when not in use. This is especially important over long holiday weekends, like Easter!

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Corrections

The company that purchased the Texan's printing press was misreported in Wednesday's page six article. The company is called Bellcamp Inc. The first quote in the story also misrepresented the company that purchased the paper. The company is an inland newspaper company.

Due to an editing error, UT baseball player Russell Moldenhauer's last name was misspelled in Wednesday's sports section.

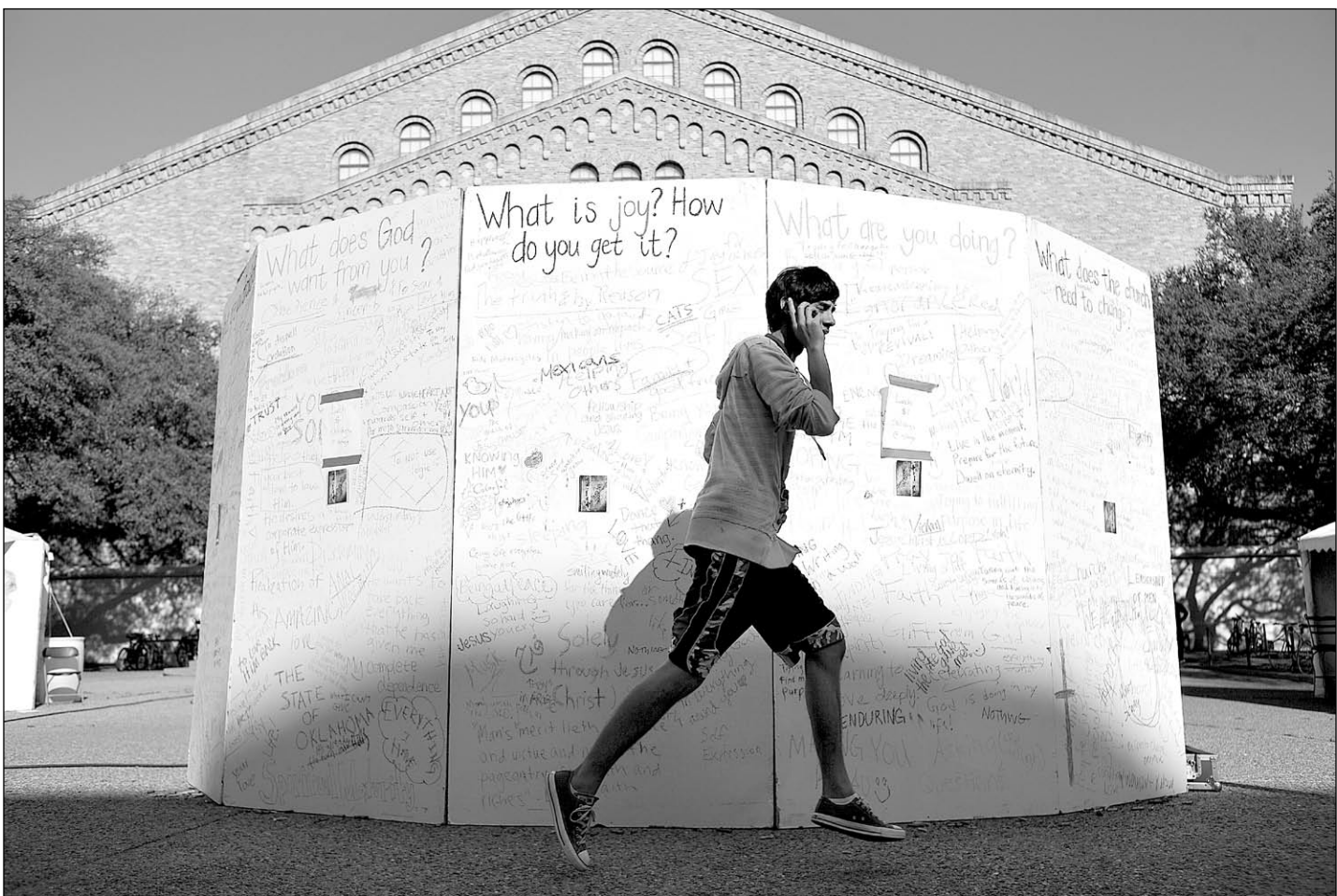
Due to an editing error, the lede in the Student Government story in Wednesday's paper misidentified the status of Tuesday's SG meeting. The meeting is the last in SG President Liam O'Rourke's tenure. The new administration's first meeting is on Tuesday. The Texan regrets the errors.

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

A student passes by a writing-covered display during the Resurrection Week celebration at Gregory Gym Plaza. The panels allowed students to answer philosophical and religious questions posed by the organizers.

Easter: Rez Week brings faiths together

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unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground for it is time to seek the Lord until he comes and showers righteousness on you."

"Transformation is happening on our campus, and we want to press into God and respond in a way that prepares the way for more of his presence," Lugo said. "We want to cultivate our spiritual ground so that revival can spring up and take deep root."

This week is known as Holy Week in the Christian

calendar, and the celebration is a way for students to engage in the remembrance of Jesus Christ.

"The religious significance behind this event is the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter," radio-television-film freshman Kelly Johnson said. "This is a time of preparing for his resurrection and the promises he would soon fulfill."

Tents were set up to accommodate 24-hour prayer, worship, refreshments and visual arts continuously over the four days. Several local worship bands, including a band

from Austin Stone Community Church and The Josh Tullis Band, performed each day from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. One-dollar lunches were served at noon, and a daily worship session took place in the evening. Several of these sessions were led by guest speaker Matt Chandler from The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas.

"Going into the 24/7 prayer tent helped me reflect and get peace of mind," Johnson said. "There was good fellowship and a very positive atmosphere that allowed me to think about what he did and what that has

given us now: salvation."

This event brought together all the campus ministries and unified students of all faiths, Lugo said.

"I attended Rez Week events because I wanted to broaden my knowledge on world religions," said government freshman Nikesh Patel. "Even though I am a Hindu, I am interested in finding similarities and differences between faiths."

This event was meant to encourage everyone, Christians and non-Christians alike, to revive their sense of faith, Johnson said.

Plagiarism: Web adds risk of unknowingly cheating

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"They'll particularly do that in courses where they feel they know the material and where there is really no learning value and it's just busy work, as far as they're concerned," McCabe said. "I'm sure [using the solution manual] starts as just busy work, but it becomes a habit. I think they've convinced themselves, for whatever reason, that it's not cheating."

According to a 2002 report by Stanford University com-

puter science professor Eric Roberts, computer science students have made up the largest portion of any Stanford college in academic violations of the Stanford honor code since 1990. One of the reasons cheating is so prevalent in computer science is that computer homework assignments are re-used from year to year to work out bugs. The risk of this method is that students can easily access past assignments.

Tracy Mitrano, director of IT Policy, Computer Policy and

Law Programs at Cornell, said the information available to a student far surpasses that of 20 years ago and that it's easy to just copy information to complete a homework requirement.

"The availability of the information and the social norms of how people are using it have changed in such a way that we're crossing a line into cheating and plagiarism," Mitrano said.

She said the most important step universities can take is to educate their students

about the pitfalls of the information age.

"Too much has changed that we haven't kept up with," she said. "We can't assume now that if we just say, 'By the way, everyone is subject to the academic integrity [honor] code,' that everyone really knows what that means. We really have to talk about how students study, how they use information technology and what the expectation is for original thought on a paper or a problem set."

Census: Failure to turn in forms could end in jail

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confused about who has the responsibility for making sure that they are counted, he said.

"Some students feel like 'my parents will count me at home,'" Elfant said. "[But] federal law says you should be counted where your pillow is."

Students in dormitories and sorority and fraternity housing will receive a census form between April 1 and May 15 that will count them under the Group Quarters category, according to the Census Bureau's Web site.

To raise awareness of the importance of turning in census forms, the National Hispanic Professional Organization held a rally Wednesday to specifically encourage people of Hispanic origin to turn in their forms.

"Hispanics have historically been undercounted," said J.R. Gonzales, the organization's president. "Some people are very apprehensive about filling out the census because of privacy issues."

Gonzales said the specific lack of Hispanic involvement in the census is in part due to the fact that many people feel the census is not only irrelevant to them, but also risky because some may be undocumented or may fear their identity will be stolen.

These fears are unfounded because you are not required to submit your social security number, and because no entities other than the Census Bureau are privy to the information and no one can access the data for 72 years, Park said.

The census is also federally mandated, so people who do not turn in their forms can potentially face a fine of up to \$5,000 and even jail time, Gonzales said.

Despite the possible repercussions for not turning in the forms, for many, the concerns have yet to become of true importance.

"I guess I really don't have a sense of urgency about it," St. Edward's University graduate Pedro Garza said at the rally. "I guess I'll fill it out."

Census workers will knock on the doors of those who don't fill out the form, Gonzales said.

In addition to saving time and the harassment of being questioned by a federal worker, sending in the form will also save the state money in the long run, he said.

"For every percentage point that doesn't get counted, we lose \$83 million," Gonzales said. "If we're not counted, our money's going to go to Arizona or Rhode Island or someplace else."

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Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell speaks at the state Capitol in Richmond on Wednesday during a press conference relating to President Barack Obama's announcement that Virginia will be the first state on the East Coast to explore offshore drilling for natural gas and oil.

Interior to reveal oil lease review

Department examines Alaska-based program, ready to release analysis

By Dan Joling
The Associated Press
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Interior Department is ready to announce its analysis and review of defects in a program covering lease sales off much of Alaska's coastline, including Arctic waters, according to a legal filing Tuesday.

Just one lease sale has been conducted under the 2007-2012 five-year Outer Continental Shelf lease program — the February 2008 Chukchi Sea sale that earned the federal government \$2.7 billion. Additional sales were scheduled for the Chukchi and three other Alaska areas.

A federal appeals court ruled nearly a year ago that the Bush-era Interior Department did

not properly study the environmental impact of expanding oil and gas drilling off the Alaska coast before authorizing its five-year program.

Attorney Peter Van Tuyn, representing the Native Village of Point Hope and two environmental groups, said Tuesday that judges concluded the Bush administration environmental review was "irrational." The department equated the sensitivity of water far offshore with coastal areas, he said.

That was a significant error regarding Arctic waters, where the environment and wildlife are driven by the ice edge that moves north and south with the seasons, Van Tuyn said.

Sea ice is a key element in the Beaufort Sea on Alaska's north coast, the Chukchi Sea on the state's northwest coast, and the Bering Sea, including Bristol Bay, home to the world's largest sock-

eye salmon fishery.

All three seas are on the migratory paths of endangered whales. The Beaufort and Chukchi seas are home to Alaska's two polar bear populations. Indigenous communities rely on marine life for subsistence hunting and fishing, and some fear industrial activity — from ship traffic to noise to spills — will permanently alter their homes.

The appeals court ordered the Interior Department to analyze the areas to determine environmental risks and potential damage before moving ahead with the five-year leasing program. The status report Tuesday said the department was ready to announce the results of its analysis and review, and would communicate them "very soon."

Elected officials in Alaska, which takes in about 90 percent of its general fund revenue from the oil industry, continue to push

for lease sales that will lead to exploration and extraction.

Gov. Sean Parnell has aggressively challenged endangered species listings that could delay drilling.

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, wrote Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on Monday reminding him that drilling would create thousands of jobs and increase domestic energy production.

"I strongly urge you to ensure the balance you strike in Alaska continues a strong leasing program in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas," Begich wrote.

He also noted that successful development of offshore oil and gas reserves is key to keeping the trans-Alaska pipeline carrying oil and important for a proposed multibillion natural gas pipeline to the Lower 48 states.

A decision by Salazar will be preliminary. It will open a 30-day comment period for the public.

Colombian rebels release ill hostage after nearly a year

By Cesar Garcia
The Associated Press
VILLAVICENCIO, Colombia — Colombian rebels handed over a 23-year-old soldier to the International Red Cross on Sunday in their first release of a captive in more than a year. The insurgents are promising to soon free a second soldier they've held for far longer.

Pvt. Josue Calvo had been held since he was wounded and captured last April. He walked out of a loaned Brazilian helicopter emblazoned with the Red Cross logo and into the long embrace of his father and sister after being picked up in the jungle and flown to this provincial capital at the eastern foot of the Andes.

"Joy came home again," said the father, Luis Alberto Calvo.

Calvo is the first of two soldiers the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, says it is freeing this week in what the insurgents call their last goodwill unilateral release.

The other is Sgt. Pablo Emilio Moncayo, who has been held for more than 12 of his 32 years and whose father gained fame for walking halfway across Colombia to press for his release.

Although the rebels had reported him recovering from leg wounds and not ambulatory, Cal-

vo did not use the wheelchair that awaited him. He walked on his own, with the aid of a staff. But he did not speak — only giving a thumbs up — at a news conference at which his father explained that Calvo's mother had abandoned the family when Josue was a boy.

Afterward, the soldier and his family were flown to the capital, Bogota, where Calvo was treated at the Military Hospital for dehydration and was in stable condition, its director said in a statement.

Col. Nora Ines Rodriguez added that Calvo suffered three gunshot wounds a year ago in his right leg that have healed — and a fourth that damaged the top of his left knee.

Piedad Cordoba, the opposition senator who led the rescue mission, said Calvo was emotional and lightheaded during the flight from the village of Santa Lucia, where rebels handed him over.

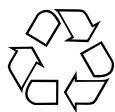
"YES, PEACE IS POSSIBLE, IT'S IRREVERSIBLE," Cordoba said in the play-by-play of the release on her Twitter feed.

The FARC says it will now demand a swap of jailed rebels in exchange for the 20 police and soldiers it still holds, most for more than a decade.

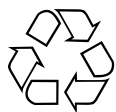


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An International Red Cross worker gestures as he stands with military pilots from Brazil in Villavicencio, Colombia, on Sunday.



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VIEWPOINT

Time to re-evaluate the E-Bus

It's a familiar scene.

At 2 a.m. on any given Friday morning, hundreds of heavily inebriated coeds can be seen swaying back and forth at the intersection of Seventh and Trinity streets awaiting the arrival of their faithful chariot home, the E-Bus.

Once said bus arrives, it becomes a makeshift Darwinian field experiment of survival of the fittest. Students push, claw and, in one example given by the Austin Police Department and Capital Metro, crawl in order to get onto the bus.

The behavior on the bus itself varies from vomiting to singing Journey's greatest hits, but at times it has been belligerent to the point of endangering both the patrons as well as the bus driver.

In an effort to curb some of this behavior, Cap Metro will require all UT students to swipe their UT ID cards upon boarding the E-Bus, effective today. If a student does not have a UT ID card with them upon boarding, he or she must pay a \$1 fare to use the bus.

Those who advocated the change believed it was necessary to ensure that the bus is used by those for whom it was intended. It should also be noted that the information from swipes will not be used to prosecute underage drinkers.

While the logistics of the plan seemingly make sense as students travel downtown, it's hard to imagine drunk students entering the bus in an orderly fashion at 2 a.m. At the very least, it would take an Olympic-level feat of athleticism to hold off the collective pushing of hundreds of drunk students while swiping an ID card or producing the one dollar fare necessary to ride the bus.

The announcement comes in conjunction with Cap Metro and the Austin Police Department pointing out a particularly disturbing growing trend among UT student behavior both at the bus stops and on the bus itself.

"We want to return to the type of bus we had before," said Bobby Stone, director of UT Parking and Transportation Services. "We want students to have a good time, but it has to be a good time with some control to it. Let us not let it get to where people are being arrested. Let us look at it and see how we can do better."

While we agree that some measures

should be taken to curb the barbarism that aptly describes many late night E-Bus experiences, we do not believe any plan should be put in place that would encourage inebriated students to drive or walk home, endangering themselves and others.

There are more practical measures that the APD and Cap Metro could put into action to curb the disruptive behavior.

The most obvious solution is for Cap Metro to provide more buses dedicated to taking students home to make it unnecessary to worry about getting a spot aboard. Less congestion on the buses would likely result in less confrontations. However, given Cap Metro's recent expenditures, it may not be immediately financially feasible.

Perhaps a more ambitious plan would be for Cap Metro to open up its new red-line for students to use as a method of getting home after a night on sixth street. The downtown station for the line is located in front of the Austin Convention Center, only a couple of blocks from the most frequented bars in downtown Austin. The closest station to campus is the MLK Jr. station, which already provides shuttle service to the University, although not at 2 a.m. This plan would increase publicity and ridership for the train, while decreasing congestion on the overcrowded E-Buses.

Finally, there is no harm in APD more closely monitoring student behavior on the E-Bus — without making unnecessary arrests for public intoxication. Presumably this would discourage criminal behavior, but if assaults did occur, it wouldn't take long for the perpetrators to be taken into custody. These measures could be taken temporarily until the bad behavior aboard the bus was curbed to the point of not being criminal.

While exceedingly drunk people riding the E-Bus are at times threatening, the threat they pose is much more benign aboard a bus than behind the wheel of a vehicle. College students are going to get drunk regardless of restrictions placed on them, and it's going to take a little creativity by Cap Metro and the APD, and much more maturity on the students' part, to ensure that they get home in a safe and legal manner.

— Dan Treadway for the editorial board

GALLERY



Be an unelected SG representative, and make the biggest difference



By Dave Player
Daily Texan Columnist

Critics of Student Government accuse the group of being unrepresentative of real student interests or toothless in its ability to force real change. Those claims, while false, are inversely related.

Student Government exists as the voice of the students, whether they choose to vote or not. No other organization on campus can claim to represent the collective interest of all students.

Without SG, there is no formal mechanism for students to petition their University. At the same time, SG relies on the student body to empower the assembly. If the administration ceased to believe that the SG assembly was an accurate reflection of student conscience, then it would invalidate the work of that body. In that case, both students and their representatives would be negatively affected.

However, there is a much more direct form of student representation than the assembly's capacity to lobby. While the new assembly may pass nonbinding resolutions throughout the year, their most important vote will be one of their first, when they vote whether or not to confirm SG's many appointed positions. Those positions are effectively the only student voice on committees whose decisions make immediate impacts on student life.

Events of the past year have highlighted the importance of student input in the decision-making process, and inversely of the role of SG in making those appointments. The recent decision to repurpose the Cactus Cafe that has provoked an outcry from students and the Austin community was signed off by the Texas Union Board, whose membership includes two SG appointments.

The Texas Student Media Board, which includes an SG-appointed member, is currently considering reducing the summer operations of The Daily Texan. The Student Services Budget Committee and its two appointed positions are responsible for recommending compulsory student fees such as the ones that paid for the new Student Activities Centers.

The University Area Partners serves as the representative organization for West Campus, much like a homeowner's association would for a traditional neighborhood. Six years ago, UAP was responsible for lobbying the City Council to change the area's zoning codes from a three-story limit to a six-story limit.

The result has been an influx of massive new apartment complexes that has changed the face of the neighborhood. The group is currently considering eliminating all surface parking in West Campus and implementing metered and permit parking. Once again, the only student voice on the committee comes in the form of two SG appointments. Luckily, student board member Santo Brocato has promised open forums to gather student input before a final decision is made, an idea that other SG appointments would be wise to emulate.

Student Government is currently taking applications for its Executive Board, agency directors and student appointments to external committees and boards. The applications for the Executive Board, which comprises SG's five directors, along with the president's Student Advisory Council, Student Services Budget Committee and the Faculty Council are due this Friday, April 2 in the SG office on the 4th floor of the Student Services Building by 4 p.m.

All other applications are due the following Friday, April 9.

There are over 40 positions available for students to apply for, with jobs ranging from city relations agency director to the Libraries Committee and everything in between. There are no prerequisites for the positions, and students do not need any prior experience working in SG.

Last spring University-wide representative-elect Matt Portillo was in a position that many students currently find themselves. Portillo had no previous experience with SG but was not content to let student government slide to the back burner until the following year's elections. Portillo applied for and received an appointed position on the Spirit and Traditions Council.

Once Portillo became involved in SG, he sought out other avenues through which to represent student interests. Most recently, Portillo had a major role in the passage of AR 41, which resolved to lobby the administration to maintain the character of the Cactus Cafe. Earlier this month, Portillo's enthusiasm was rewarded as he was elected to the position of University-wide representative and will now take a seat in next session's assembly.

"Every student is a member of student government," said representative-elect Portillo.

It is the responsibility of the student body to engage themselves in their own government. If not, the uninterested party forfeits its right to criticize those students who have volunteered their time to serve their peers. If you think you can do a better job, then by all means, you should apply. No one is stopping you.

On the contrary, you are encouraged to participate.

Player is a plan II junior.

EDITOR'S NOTE

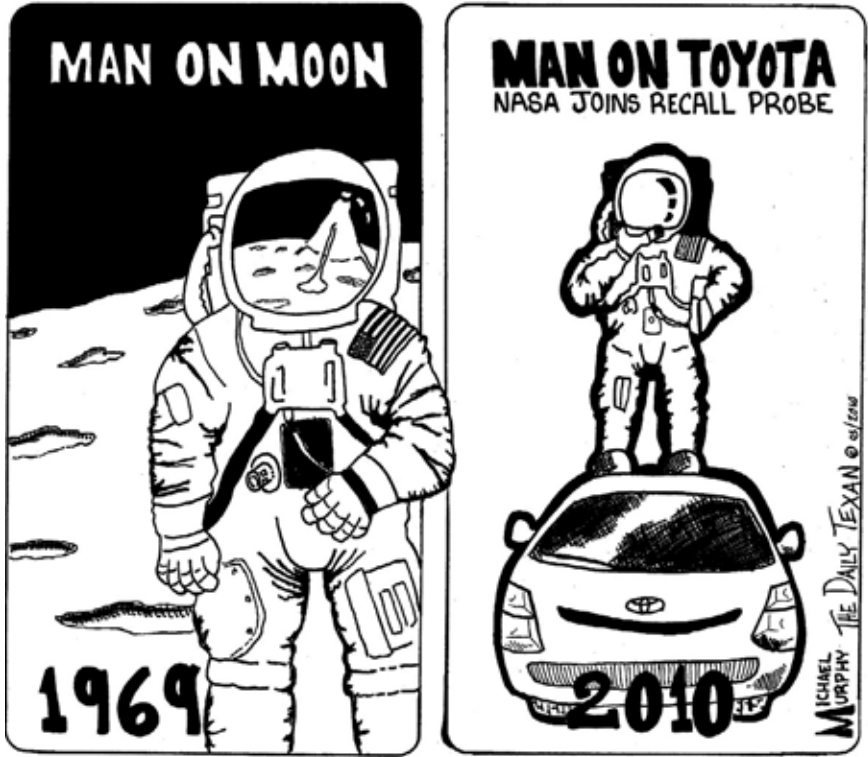
Ask the White House a question

Next week, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and the chair of the President Barack Obama's Domestic Policy Council will answer questions from students in a special live chat from the White House. One of those questions can be yours.

As members of the Huffington Post's network of college newspapers, we at The Daily Texan have the opportunity to send three questions submitted by readers to HuffPost College. The top 25 questions from across the nation will be filmed and HuffPost readers will vote for top questions based on these films. The winning questions will be asked to top White House officials live on the Huffington Post.

To submit, simply send your question to editor@dailytexanonline.com along with a 350-word explanation of why you chose that question by Thursday at midnight.

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Heartened by reform

By Marc Nestenius
Daily Texan Columnist

I never thought breathing heavily would lead to open-heart surgery. I always imagined surgery to be only for the old, for those who didn't run miles around soccer fields every day. Panting frequently and feeling dizzy should all be part of the game.

However, the tests said different. The panting occurred because my coronary artery was being clamped during exercise. This led to oxygen shortage. Apparently, during all those years of playing soccer, I could've easily collapsed on the field.

So at an age young enough to still have limitations on my driver's license, I found myself lying in a hospital bed. I was in excruciating pain. I couldn't move. The drugs seemed useless. The recovery was so bad that I couldn't even remember that it was my mother's birthday.

Yet, I made it. I am alive and well now, knowing that I will remain that way. I received a second chance at life, but only because I was covered. Had it not been for my insurance, I would be living in constant fear of the worst.

This is why it makes me so glad to

know that now, with the health care bill, no child will know the fear that comes from living with a life-threatening condition — a ticking time bomb — without the ability to receive treatment. Fewer children will have to live with potentially fatal congenital conditions. Fewer families will have to feel guilty for not providing their members with their deserved shot at happiness.

And that is why it irks me to hear my peers demonize health care reform. The harshest and most vile words are flung at even the mere mention of it. I fall into conversations with students bashing reform supporters without having a clue about the trauma that came with the scar underneath my shirt and how crucial my excellent health care was to my recovery.

I don't understand why these students direct their anger at people trying to provide health care to others less fortunate than them. I don't understand why they write on Facebook how President Barack Obama has ruined their coverage when they can't even name their provider. Party affiliation is fine, but my peers parrot hardliners without thinking of the people for whom this bill was made.

I'm not just being self-centered — these people include students, and plenty of us will need to stay on our parents' plans until the age of 26.

Just like the State Board of Education should focus less on party ideology and more on students, vocal Obamacare opponents on campus should worry less about socialism and more about the people who will benefit from this bill.

About 28 percent of Texans are uninsured, and almost 36 percent of Americans are denied standard rates, or even coverage at all, because of pre-existing conditions. If my heart defect had been known, I probably would not have received coverage.

I keep a collection of articles about athletes who fell on the field due to heart problems. So far, it includes a football player from Plano, a professional soccer player tragically named Endurance and a 14-year old hockey player. The Plano teen strikes a particular nerve of mine, because he died at the age at which I received my life-saving surgery. If students empathized a little more, they might realize that there is a reason for reform.

Nstenius is an engineering freshman.

NOT YOUR TYPICAL RIBBONS



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

Architecture junior Adam Osbourne spins “poi balls” above his head to attract the attention of fellow Longhorns to join his organization. Osbourne and other members of Save the Children endured the heat of the sun to raise awareness and end the cycle of child poverty. “It’s what we do,” member Nicholas Priddell said, as he and Osbourne practiced poi ball tricks.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Officials allegedly move Ft. Hood suspect from hospital to jail

SAN ANTONIO — The Army officer accused in the Fort Hood shooting rampage is apparently being moved from a hospital to jail.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan’s attorney, John Galligan of Belton, says doctors at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio gave Hasan a “discharge physical” Wednesday evening.

Galligan says he has no official word on whether Hasan is being moved. But he noted that Wednesday was the first day of a 183-day, \$206,796 contract between Fort Hood and Bell County for a 24-hour guard and special medical support for Hasan at the county’s jail in Belton.

A message left with Brooke Army Medical Center was not returned Wednesday night.

Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 of attempted premeditated murder in

the Nov. 5 shootings.

Kan. man gets life in student porn model’s death.

Man who murdered porn star sentenced to life in prison

EL DORADO, Kan. — A Kansas man has been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for raping and killing a college student who led a secret life as an Internet porn model.

Israel Mireles was sentenced Wednesday. The 26-year-old had claimed he left a so-called mystery man in a motel room where he’d gone with 18-year-old Emily Sander, and found her dead when he returned.

The Butler Community College student left a bar with Mireles on Nov. 23, 2007. Her battered, nude body was found six days later.

It was later revealed that Sander also was known as Internet model Zoey Zane.

Mireles testified he took Sander’s body and dumped it near the side of a road before fleeing to Mexico because he thought authorities

would blame him for the death.

Gag order granted in Arizona case against self-help speaker

CAMP VERDE, Ariz. — An Arizona judge has granted the prosecution’s request for a gag order in the case of a motivational speaker charged with manslaughter.

State prosecutors made the request Feb. 12, claiming it’s needed to limit pretrial publicity that could taint the jury pool. Yavapai County Superior Court Judge Warren Darrow granted it Wednesday and ordered attorneys on both sides to comply with ethical rules that govern their conduct.

Self-help author James Arthur Ray has pleaded not guilty to three counts of manslaughter stemming from the deaths of three people following a sweat lodge ceremony he led in October near Sedona. His trial is scheduled to begin in late August.

Sweat lodges are commonly used by American Indian tribes to cleanse the body.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

FDA initiative seeks reform of excess medical radiation

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration met Tuesday and Wednesday with radiology industry heads and experts as part of its initiative to reduce unnecessary exposure to radiation in certain medical procedures.

Concerns began to rise in February, when the administration announced its initiative to reduce radiation exposure from medical imaging. As part of the initiative, this week’s meetings focused on the administration gaining a better understanding of the ways in which radiological equipment is being used, said Dick Thompson, FDA radiological health spokesman.

“We are taking all the information in, and we will go back and see what role the FDA can play to lower the risk of radiation,” Thompson said. “This is not a panel that will conclude with some sort of recommendations.”

But Austin radiologist Simon Trubek said some of the recent concern over radiation has been unwarranted.

“Medical imaging has its risks, just like driving a car or flying, but the benefits outweigh the risks significantly,” said Trubek, who has been with the Austin Radiological Association for five years. “The medical community takes this very seriously, and we do everything we can to minimize exposure.”

One of the processes the administration is most concerned with is the Computed Tomographic scan, also known as

the CT or CAT scan, which uses special X-ray equipment with certain doses of radiation to produce cross-sectional images of the inside of the body. CT scans produce more detailed images than regular X-rays, allowing physicians to diagnose more clearly and easily. The scans are often used on cancer patients for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up reports.

Although University Health Services at UT provides basic diagnostic X-rays, such as those used to identify broken bones, it does not provide CT scans. These are not offered because the University does not have the equipment, so UHS refers patients to other facilities, such as the Austin Radiological Association, radiological technologist Archie Baker said.

According to a 2007 article in the New England Journal of Medicine, the average radiation dose to which Americans are exposed over the course of their lifetimes has doubled in the last 30 years. In addition, the number of CT scans obtained each year is estimated to be more than 62 million, up from only 3 million in 1980, according to the journal.

But Trubek said people should not be too worried. He said the radiation humans are exposed to by everything in the natural world — the sun, the soil and even bananas — are not harmful, so basic X-rays and imaging scans should have the same limited effect.

“We live in a radioactive world,” he said. “We have been doing so for quite some time, and

we are fine. All the X-rays that you and I will have in our lifetime are not going to have any statistically significant effect.”

But the difficulty with CT scans — and one of the reasons they are under scrutiny from the FDA — is that there is no national consensus on which imaging machine should be used or how big of a dose of radiation is needed, said Richard Morin, chair of the Safety Committee and the Dose Index Registry with the American College of Radiology.

“Different facilities wish to have different image quality,” Morin said. “Therefore, sometimes, the amount of radiation used is higher.”

Morin, who attended the meeting, said one of the goals is to help reduce the range of doses across the country.

While Morin and others with the FDA are concerned with the inconsistency of dosages, Trubek said the Austin association has handled the situation with care. He said a team of radiologists conducts a monthly review of the dosages and the different procedures involved with imaging.

He and the other radiologists in the association use newer equipment with advanced technology, allowing them to keep the dosage of radiation as low as possible.

But patients concerned with the radiation-emitting procedure can use MRIs and ultrasounds — comparable procedures that do not use radiation.

World celebrates April Fools’ Day

Day of practical jokes can be traced back to classic literature

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

From Japan to Brazil to the United States, people around the world are testing their skills of deception today by pulling practical jokes on each other.

April Fools’ Day, or All Fools’ Day as it was initially called, was first written about in explicit detail in 18th century European texts, but even then, it was already known as a day for pulling pranks.

Allusions to April Fools’ can be found in the works of Geoffrey Chaucer and William Shakespeare, but these early references are so ambiguous they make the origins of April Fools’ Day difficult to pinpoint, said curator Alex Boese in an article for California’s Museum of Hoaxes.

Economics senior Marcelo Moreno already got an early taste of jokes the day before April Fools’ Day.

“My professor told [my class] that he received an e-mail from the dean saying we needed to have 60 percent of our grades [for the class] completed before the Q-drop period, but we hadn’t done that,” Moreno said. “So he told us there was going to be a special midterm the next day and started mentioning all these problems in the book for us to look at. The whole class was freaking out.”

After five minutes of panic, the class was told, much to its relief, “April Fools’!”

Photos by Chris Kosh
Daily Texan Staff

Pranks UT students have pulled on April Fools’ Day

Rachel Brenner
Biology sophomore



During her senior year of high school, Brenner decided to prank an English teacher she didn’t like. After stealing the teacher’s car keys and backing the car up against a tower, other students parked their cars to surround it.

“When I walked into English, my teacher took one look at me said, ‘You can leave now,’” Brenner said. “He had to get some big guys to come and move the cars so he could get to his car.”

Lara Foster
Mechanical engineering junior



In eighth grade, back in her home country of Brazil, Foster went to school telling everyone the Backstreet Boys had died, causing a mass evacuation of female pre-teens.

“The girls were leaving school, people were calling their parents, and it was just crazy,” Foster said.

Foster admitted she did get into trouble, but since it was April Fool’s Day, she was cut some slack.

Kevin Mullins
Math junior



When Mullins was 10 years old, his mother thought it would be a funny idea to cover the opening of the toilet with plastic wrap and put the toilet seat down, making it appear like nothing out of the ordinary.

“I wasn’t supposed to see it, so when I went to go piss, it would go everywhere,” Mullins said.

Mullins caught the prank, however, when the sunlight coming into the bathroom reflected a wrinkle in the saran wrap. Using the same wrap, he then went into mom’s bathroom to try the same trick.

“Yeah, I got her good,” Mullins said with a grin.

Sally Hofmeister
Advertising graduate student



Hofmeister recalled a teacher in eighth grade who was obsessively fond of her seat pillow — so fond that the teacher would take the pillow home with her every day after school in fear someone would steal it.

One day before class, Hofmeister decided to fabric-glue the pillow to the seat, but poor timing struck when the teacher walked in before Hofmeister had time to flip the pillow over.

“She sat on the glue and when she got up later, part of her dress ripped off,” Hofmeister said. “She was pretty mad and knew I did it, but the whole class kept telling her I didn’t do it.”

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FOOTBALL: McCoy prepares for upcoming draft

NATION BRIEFLY

Grand jury clears constable who used Taser on elderly woman

AUSTIN — A deputy constable who shocked a 72-year-old woman with a Taser after she dared him to use the stun gun during a traffic job was cleared Wednesday by a grand jury.

A Travis County grand jury declined to indict Deputy Constable Christopher Bieze on a charge of injury to an elderly person.

Bieze used a Taser on Kathryn Winkfein on May 11 after she refused to sign a traffic citation after he stopped her for speeding on Texas 71 west of Austin. Video from a camera mounted in the deputy's car captured the 4-foot-11 Granite Shoals woman struggling with Bieze and daring him to use the Taser on her.

The video became widely viewed on the Internet and Winkfein appeared on NBC's "Today."

An internal investigation concluded Bieze did not violate any law or county policy, and he was not disciplined.

Yale student leaves note, jumps off of Empire State Building

NEW YORK — A Yale University junior left a suicide note in his dorm room before heading to New York, where he apparently plunged to his death by jumping from the Empire State Building, police said Wednesday.

Cameron Dabaghi, 21, from Austin, Texas, jumped from the 86th-floor observation deck Tuesday during evening rush hour. His note said he was sorry and he would be jumping from either the George Washington Bridge over the Hudson River in upper Manhattan or the Empire State building, police said.

There were seven other people on the observation deck at the same time, and one person tried to talk to the jumper as he climbed over the barrier but was unsuccessful.

Dabaghi was dead when rescue workers arrived shortly before 6:30 p.m. The college dean was meeting with students Wednesday, and counselors were available at the university to anyone who needed them.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

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Texas' 2005 national championship team. McCoy said throwing to them was like "pitch-and-catch" because the chemistry was still there despite not having played with them recently.

Obviously, the biggest question for scouts heading into Pro Day for McCoy was his shoulder.

After he completed his workout, McCoy chatted with the NFL coaches in attendance — Seattle's Pete Carroll, who gave McCoy a hug around his neck, Cleveland's Eric Mangini and Green Bay's Mike McCarthy.

"I talked to every coach that was here, and they said I answered all their questions," McCoy said.

While McCoy was doing the drills, his father, Brad McCoy, had his eye on the scouts' expressions.

"I was watching the GMs and coaches, and after about five or six throws, they were all like, 'OK, he's fine,'" Brad McCoy said. "I thought he looked great. He really needed this opportunity to have all these people see him."

Brad McCoy said the most impressive thing about Colt's performance was his arm's endurance.

"He kept getting stronger and stronger as he went on, and I think that's what a lot of people are looking for — endurance in that arm and how it's going to work when it got tired," Brad McCoy said. "But when he got tired, he was still very accurate, very strong and was still throwing 55-yard balls."

In addition to the health of his throwing arm, Colt McCoy said there were a handful of things scouts, coaches and general managers needed to see from him Wednesday: his foot-



May-Ying Lam | Daily Texan file Photo

Former Texas quarterback Colt McCoy was back on campus Wednesday for Texas' annual Pro Day. McCoy, seen here rushing against Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship, is college football's all-time winningest quarterback with 45 wins.

work under center, play action passes, accuracy, a quick release and what he was able to do on the deep ball.

"Everyone I talked to afterward said 10s," McCoy said about how scouts ranked his Pro Day performance.

Texas head coach Mack Brown was also thoroughly impressed with McCoy's performance.

"He was great, but it made me sick about the national championship," Brown said. "I could see him throwing that way for the last three quarters. But much like he did after his

freshman year, he's come back and he's really strong. He had a tremendous amount of pressure on him because this was the first public throwing he's had since the national championship game, and I've never seen him throw any better."

Now that Pro Day is over, McCoy still has a few teams to meet with before the NFL draft, which starts April 22. Though he did not specify which organizations he has scheduled on his calendar over the next few weeks, McCoy said he would meet with about six teams from the North.

With all the hectic traveling, phone calls and workouts involved in the weeks leading up to the draft, McCoy received some important advice from his mentor, Peyton Manning, which he said has kept the whole process fun and worthwhile.

"[Manning] said, 'Just think of the draft as a reward for all that you've done in college. You won 45 games — more than anyone else. Wherever you go in the draft, whether it's the first pick, the first round or free agent, that's a reward. You get to play at the next lev-

el. And once you get there, you can throw everything else out the window,'" McCoy said. "So for me, I feel like I'm the best quarterback in this draft. Put me on the field with anybody."

That said, McCoy is just ready to get drafted and firmly believes that no matter where he ends up, he will be with the right team.

"I'm not worried about where I'm going to go," he said. "The team that likes me the most is going to pick me up, and then it's time to go to work."

Hutchison pledges to complete rest of term

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Despite promises of resigning her seat in the U.S. Senate, Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison announced Wednesday morning that she will remain in the seat until the end of her term.

Throughout her gubernatorial bid against Gov. Rick Perry, which ended in early March, Hutchison repeatedly said she would leave her seat in the Senate whether or not she took the Republican gubernatorial nomination. After the passage of President Barack Obama's health care bill, though, Hutchison said in a press release that she has decided to stay in her seat.

Hutchison, a UT graduate, was appointed to the Senate in 1993 and has served there ever since. In August 2009, Hutchison entered the Republican primary race for Texas governor against Perry. She also announced at that time

that she would resign her Senate seat following the primary election. After losing the Republican nomination, many questioned whether she would in fact resign that seat and many, like Melanie Schwartz, vice president of

"As our senior Senator, everybody should be glad we are going to have somebody with so much experience representing us in Congress."

Similarly, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who had previously said

of her term.

"Now is the time to ensure that we have the best public servants in Washington," Cornyn said in his statement. "She did what was in the best interest of our state and country, and I look forward to working with her in the fight to make Washington more like Texas."

Hutchison's term ends in 2012, and the question will move to whether she will seek re-election. Melessa Rodriguez, president of University Democrats, said Hutchison's announcement is a positive thing for the Democratic party in terms of having time to prepare for the 2012 election.

"It's not so much us waiting on pins and needles to see if she was going to resign," Rodriguez said. "Now, the Democrats can sit down and map out a clear-cut plan to see who enters the race. It gives us a better opportunity to get all of our ducks in a row."



Daily Texan file photo

Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will not resign from her seat despite earlier promises to do so.

“She did what was in the best interest of our state and country.”

— John Cornyn, U.S. Senator

College Republicans at Texas, were not surprised by Wednesday's announcement.

"I would be more surprised if she had left the Senate," Schwartz said.

that Hutchison should keep her Senate seat, said in a statement released Wednesday following Hutchison's announcement that he, too, is glad she has decided to serve out the remainder

Car manufacturer settles lawsuit, avoids trial



Chris Kosho | Daily Texan Staff

Car2go is an alternative form of transportation available to city employees. The program is a partnership between City Hall and Daimler AG, the German-U.S. carmaker that is expected to face charges of overseas bribery.

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Daimler AG, a German-U.S. automotive manufacturer, is expected to go to trial today in the U.S. District Court of Washington, D.C., to face charges of overseas bribery.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the car company agreed to settle out of court with the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission for \$185 million. The settlement would end both federal departments' investigations into whether or not Daimler violated U.S. anti-bribery laws.

A Daimler spokesman declined to confirm that the company will settle with the U.S. government because the hearing had not taken place at press time.

According to The Wall Street Journal, the Department of Justice and the SEC have investigated Daimler since 2004 after a former company auditor was allegedly fired for raising questions about bank accounts in South America.

Car2go, a subsidiary company of Daimler, has a headquarters in Austin and a six-month pilot program with the city. The program, which is slated to be kept or dropped in May, provides city employees with 200 Smart cars that act as public transportation.

Car2go did not return messages left by The Daily Texan.

Infectious disease resistant to drugs

Tuberculosis study shows that more drug-resistant strains of bacteria exist

By Nehal Patel
Daily Texan Staff

Two new tuberculosis studies by researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center provide both good and bad news about the prevalent disease's drug resistance.

Tuberculosis infects more than one-third of the world's population and kills more than one million people globally each year, according to the World Health Organization.

The first study by Dr. Tawanda Gumbo, M.D., associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern, suggests that a common blood-pressure medication called Reserpine can help overcome drug-resistant tuberculosis. However, a second study by Gumbo shows the bacteria that cause tuberculosis may be resistant to treatment in more people than previously thought.

In the first study, available in the April edition of The Journal of Infectious Diseases, Gumbo simulated tuberculosis bacteria growth in a human lung. When the bacteria in this experiment were treated with two common tuberculosis antibiotics — Ethambutol and Isoniazid — they triggered a cellular mechanism that pumped both the drugs out

of the cell.

"This experiment showed that it's very easy for resistance to develop, and multiple resistances can be developed at the same time," Gumbo said.

When the bacteria were first treated with Reserpine, which is known to inhibit the bacteria's pumping mechanism, resis-

“Every human being is different, and we can’t continue to use outdated methods to test antibiotic resistance.”

— Dr. Tawanda Gumbo, Associate Professor at UT Southwestern

tance to the drugs was drastically reduced. This drug hasn't been tested on tuberculosis patients yet, especially because of Reserpine's high toxicity level, but it is serving as a model for less toxic drugs that also inhibit the pumping mechanism, Gumbo said.

In his second study, available in the April edition of Antimicrobial Agents and Che-

motherapy, Gumbo and his research team found that more tuberculosis patients may be infected by drug-resistant bacteria than previously believed because the methods to test bacterial resistance to drugs don't take factors such as height, weight, age, race and diet into account.

The current method to test drug-resistance in tuberculosis bacteria was developed in the 1960s, Gumbo said. The test involves determining the lowest concentration of antibiotic necessary to kill at least 95 percent of the tuberculosis bacteria in a patient. If more than 1 percent of bacteria grow at that concentration, then it is considered drug-resistant.

"Every human being is different, and we can't continue to use outdated methods to test antibiotic resistance," Gumbo said.

In his experiment, Gumbo used a computer program to simulate the effects of six different antibiotics in 10,000 patients. He found that the concentrations of antibiotic needed are lower than currently believed.

"Basically, there are much more drug-resistant tuberculosis bacteria out there than we thought. If we use the new concentration levels we determined based on these experiments, there are many more people with multiple drug resistance tuberculosis, and we have a bigger problem than we assumed," Gumbo said.

PRO DAY

Former Horns try to impress NFL brass

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

While Colt McCoy was busy trying to impress scouts with his arm, he was also helping his former favorite target Jordan Shipley show off his talents as a wide receiver.

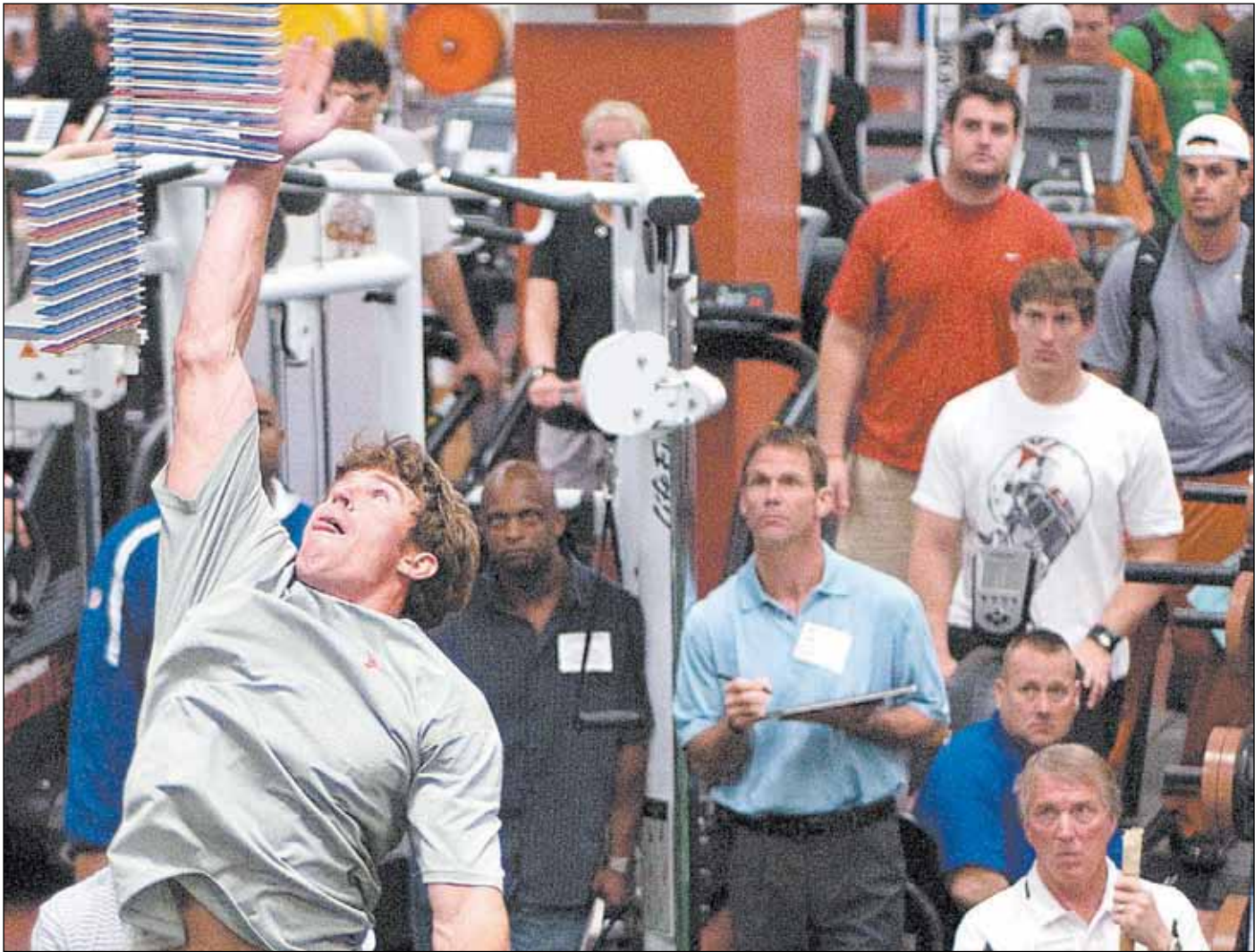
"Ship ran great routes," McCoy said. "[The scouts] were really focused on him. We had that connection going still. Maybe someday we'll play on the same team in the NFL together."

Whichever team drafts Shipley, and regardless of whether or not McCoy is on that team, his performance in Texas' Pro Day on Wednesday helped ensure ESPN's draft analyst Todd McShay that Shipley's name will be coming off the draft board sooner rather than later.

"Shipley ... really helped himself," McShay said. "Shipley's moving up. It wouldn't shock me if he came off the board in the second round. Worst case would be third [round]."

In the first half of Pro Day, Shipley posted one of the better marks in the vertical and improved his 40-yard-dash time, which is the "Holy Grail" of football analysis, from 4.57 seconds at the NFL Combine in March to possibly as low as 4.48 seconds.

Despite Shipley's improvements in the measured categories, he hasn't garnered the type of attention that receivers Dez Bryant or Golden Tate have garnered.



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Former Longhorn wide receiver Jordan Shipley tests his vertical in front of NFL head coaches, scouts and general managers as a part of Texas' annual Pro Day on Wednesday.

"Jordan is a guy that they all look at and say, 'You know, he's really a good player, but he's not a hype guy.' He's not going to say much," head

coach Mack Brown said. "He's not a 'glitter' guy, but a few of the guys I was standing around over there said, 'You know, he runs every route per-

fectly, he's a team guy, he's really fast and he never drops a ball.' He's a 100-percent guy, too."

And for Shipley, running

perfect routes and catching the ball is all that matters, not what his time is without pads

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TEXAS RELAYS 2010

UTEP takes gold, silver in 5,000m on Day One

By Ryan Betori
Daily Texan Staff

As the sun set on a picturesque Austin skyline, the women's 5000-meter kicked into full gear. For women's competition, it was the final event of the day, and the race served as an appropriate grand finale.

Two runners from UT-El Paso, sophomore Risper Kimaiyo and junior Kathya Garcia, got off to an early lead. Although Texas sophomore Laleh Mojtabaezamani was hot on their heels for

the first 11 minutes of the race, the UTEP pair pulled away in the last 1500 meters.

This served as the turning point in the race, and from there, the runners maintained their positions. Mojtabaezamani finished third, Kimaiyo edged out Garcia in the last 50 meters for first place and Garcia finished second.

Despite being the highest finisher for Texas on the first day of

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First day jitters no problem for Texas Relays rookie

Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

Texas Relays showcases some of the premiere track and field athletes in the nation, but it's also an opportunity for lesser-known runners to get their chance to compete.

For UT freshman Matthew Kutugata, the 5000 meters was his first race since the Texas A&M dual meet in January. The freshman finished fourth with a time of 15:21.65, a little over 26 seconds behind winner Robert Menjo of UT-El Paso.

"It's good to get an actual race in and compete against other guys," Kutugata said. "But it looks like I'm just going to cheer on my teammates the rest of the weekend."

The four-day event also featured two "B" level races on Wednesday, which gave athletes who don't regularly run the chance to compete.

Kutugata, who was running at the Texas Relays for the first time, didn't seem to be intimidated by the large stage.

"I try not to really think about that," Kutugata said. "I try to get out there and focus on the race." He seemed to have tremen-



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Sophomore Isaac Murphy does the high jump during the decathlon on the first day of Texas Relays.

dous support. During the final lap of the race that concluded Wednesday's events, a large crowd of his Texas teammates gathered near the final turn to chant his name.

Kutugata isn't considered one of the team's star athletes, but for one night, he was certainly UT's best.

UTEP domination

UTEP is often overshadowed as a school in the UT System,

but on the opening day of Texas Relays, its runners were overshadowing Texas' on the track.

The Miners dominated Wednesday's competition, winning two events and taking third in another. Unlike the Longhorns, the Miners have 13 foreigners on their roster, including seven Kenyans.

Sophomore Justice Chirchir, one of those native Kenyans, dominated the 1500 meters,

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Sophomore Laleh Mojtabaezamani runs in the 5,000-meter race. She would finish in third, Texas' highest finish for the day.

BASEBALL

Longhorns looking for competitive edge

Horns lacking consistency at plate, unable to string together long win streak

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

After its seventh loss of the season to Oral Roberts on Tuesday, head coach Augie Garrido sees just one thing that Texas has to work on for its series starting today against No. 17 Oklahoma.

"We're going to try to compete," Garrido said. "Compete or lose."

Garrido isn't the only who

sees a lack of competition as the reason for Texas' recent struggles.

"We've got to compete every pitch, every time we come out to play, practice, game — whatever it may be. We've got to compete to win the game. We've got to get that competitive edge we had Saturday and Sunday, where we came out and we played from the first pitch to the last pitch."

The Horns have lost four of their last nine games and haven't put together a win streak of longer than two games during that stretch.

While Texas' bats have improved as a whole during that stretch, with a higher batting average than the first half of the season, the improved hitting doesn't mean more consistent hitting.

"We've been swinging it well as of late," shortstop Brandon Loy said. "We put up a bunch of hits and a bunch of runs this [past] weekend [against Texas Tech]. That's the past, but then again, we have to build off those games. We can't come out and score 14 or 15, how-

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SOFTBALL

TEXAS 8, TEXAS STATE 0

Texas blanks Texas State, evens series for season

Matt Hohner
Daily Texan Staff

Looking good is the best revenge.

A week ago, pitcher Blaire Luna gave up a walk-off three-run home run to Texas State in a 9-7 Texas loss in San Marcos.

However, Luna and the Longhorns got the last laugh last night with a dominating 8-0 win over the Bobcats.

"We had the fire in our eyes tonight," left fielder Courtney Craig said. "We were ready to

go on our home turf."

The Longhorns have looked a little sluggish at times through tough stretches when they have a full slate of games scheduled for the week.

Texas played in a double-header last night at San Antonio but looked fresh and crisp Wednesday night. Head coach Connie Clark wishes she knew the magic recipe to keep her team fresh.

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Sophomore Courtney Craig stands at second base during a game against Nebraska earlier this season. Craig had two home runs and five RBI in a Texas shutout win over Texas State at McCombs field on Wednesday.

WIN: Luna’s no-hitter broken up in sixth

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“They had a lot of energy,” Clark said. “I think it’s a product of playing at home, and when you play at home, you feed off the energy of your fans.”

Luna, who tossed a two-hitter and retired 12 batters in six innings, had been looking forward to the rematch since last Wednesday.

“I didn’t get overly concentrated, but I just went out there and did my thing,” Luna said. “Just try and stay pitch to pitch.”

Luna was working with a no-hitter into the sixth inning, but Texas State broke up her no-no with a blooper to right field. However, Luna refuses to get caught up in the game of perfection, instead trying to focus on the task at hand.

“I really don’t focus on throwing a no-hitter,” Luna said. “I just try to stay ahead of the count.”

Craig ended the game with a two-run blast over the left-field fence. Craig did most of the heavy lifting for the team offensively, going 2 for 2 with two

home runs and five RBI. Craig’s performance Wednesday night shows that she has fully overcome her early-season slump.

“I think I am comfortable to get up to bat again, focus and see the pitches better,” Craig said.

“I think she has done a good job since we got back from the California tournament because that’s where she had really been struggling,” Clark said. “Her and coach Hill had some one-on-one time and worked through some things offensively, but it is all about confidence.”

Clark will look for Craig to continue her consistency into conference play.

Not only does Clark love to earn her victories in a dominating fashion, but she also enjoys when the whole team contributes.

“We clear our bench out because we have a lot of people who can contribute,” Clark said. “We had some other opportunities to get some looks from other players, they stepped up, and we’re happy they’re producing well.”

Houston falls to Spurs, might not make playoffs

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The question for Manu Ginobili, who knows a thing or two about carrying the San Antonio Spurs on his sore back: Where would the team be without second-year guard George Hill?

“Probably five more wins, six ...” Ginobili joked. “Seven, tops.”

Hill, who has filled in for the Spurs at point guard since Tony Parker’s early March injury, showed his true value Wednesday night by scoring a career-high 30 points and leading two second-half pushes that helped send San Antonio past the Houston Rockets 119-102.

“He’s got some big shoes to fill without Tony playing,” Ginobili said of Hill, who added seven assists and five steals. “He’s doing a great job of getting the team to play, scoring, playing ‘D’ against the best opponents. He’s been huge for us.”

Ginobili, who bounced back from back spasms that caused him to miss Monday’s loss at New Jersey, had 18 points and 10 assists. Tim Duncan added 17 points and 10 rebounds.

But Hill stole the show, particu-

larly after halftime. He was 4 of 5 from the field and added three free throws for an 11-point third quarter as San Antonio extended a five-point halftime lead to 14 heading into the fourth.

In the fourth, after Houston had closed within eight, Hill scored seven points in a decisive 13-2 San Antonio run.

“The whole thing was just being aggressive today and taking what they gave me,” said Hill, who was 11 of 15 from the field. “I didn’t know I was going to come into the game and score 30.”

The Spurs remained in the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference.

The injury-depleted Rockets’ faltering playoff hopes took another hit with their fifth loss in six games.

Despite shooting 76.2 percent from the field in the first quarter and 62.5 percent for the first half, it took a while for the Spurs to shake the Rockets. San Antonio led 34-27 after the opening period and 64-59 at the break as Houston used a 12-4 edge in second-chance points to stay close.

ROAD: Horns hoping to hand OU first home loss

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ever many it was, and come out on Tuesday that week and score two.”

Texas will need to find its competitive spirit if it wants to take down its Red River rival, who is undefeated at L. Dale Mitchell Park.

“They’re a good team; they’ve won a lot of ball games,” catcher Cameron Rupp said. “They’ve always been able to swing the bat. They’ve got good pitching. And we’ve got to come out ready to play. Ready to play or we’re gonna get beat.”

“They’re a great team,” pitcher Austin Dichary said. “They can hit, they can pitch and they can play defense just like all the great teams in this league. We have a challenge ahead of us, and we’re going to take it head on.”

Despite his team’s recent struggles, Loy is confi-

dent that the Horns have all the pieces necessary to take down the conference’s No. 2 team.

“I don’t think we need to change anything,” Loy said. “I just think ... we [need to] come out and have fun and play the game like it’s supposed to be played and not have any pressure on us, not worry about what’s gonna happen. We just have to stay in our element, and everything will work out for the best.”

For Garrido, notching a series win this weekend comes the same way any other win would come.

“Throw strikes, play catch and put the ball in play. It’s a simple game,” Garrido said. “You can’t control it, you just participate in it.”

Sophomore Taylor Jungmann will take the mound for Texas tonight and will be facing off against Oklahoma’s undefeated Zach Neal.

MEN: Former Longhorns return to Texas for Relays

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leading the entire race and winning by over five seconds with a time of 3:47.44.

His brother, senior Aggrey Chirchir, took third in the 800 meters, finishing less than a second behind first-place finisher Sean Zurko of TCU.

The Kenyan natives continued their success in the longer distances, with sophomore Robert Menjo winning the 5000 meters. He finished three seconds ahead of fellow foreigner Joonas Harjamaki, a Finnish native who now competes for Lamar.

The overwhelming recruiting of foreign athletes by American universities has been a growing trend. According to the latest NCAA study, over 16,000 foreign athletes dotted collegiate rosters in 2007, a 2.4-percent increase from 2005.

Returning Stars

Thousands of athletes from high schools and colleges across the country will gather in Austin this weekend, but scattered among their ranks are former NCAA stars now competing professionally.

Former UT track stars Kyle Miller and Darren Brown com-

peted in the 5,000 meters for Team Rogue, an Austin-based track team that sponsors seven professional runners. The group is coached by Stephen Sisson, an assistant coach for the Texas women’s team.

Although the runners did not finish the race after Brown pulled out with an apparent injury, they hope to get back into action in the mile on Saturday.

“It’s awesome to get back out here on the [Mike A. Myers] track,” said Miller, an all-American in 2006 for the distance medley relay team. “Ever since I was in high school, I’ve looked forward to this event.”

Miller, who lives in Austin, still holds two of UT’s all-time marks with a 2:23.07 in the indoor 1000 meters and was member of the record-holding indoor distance medley relay team.

“One of the best things about the relays is that they’re at home, so I get to have friends come out and cheer. It’s just a lot of fun,” he said.

For Miller, fun is just one of the reasons he decided to come back to the relays.

“I didn’t exactly end my collegiate career the way I wanted to, so hopefully, I can come out here and get back on scene,” he said.

TRACK: Angelo State senior sets school, meet record

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the Texas Relays, Mojtabaezamani was hoping for more.

“I’m happy with the top-three finish, but my time goal was actually off from what I wanted it to be, and I’m a little upset that I didn’t stick to my pace.”

Although the steady breeze of day one was nice for spectators, the winds provided some difficult resistance for runners.

The UTEP duo found the breeze unruly, and despite the one-two finish, they also were somewhat disappointed with their times.

“Our goal was to do better, but we are happy,” Kimaiyo, who hails from Kenya, said.

Leaving on top

Although the wind served as a barrier for some athletes, it worked as an advantage for others. This was particularly true for Angelo State’s Andria Nussey, who took gold in the 800.

“We train in a lot of wind. I see it as a challenge, and I want to go for it. The wind’s not going to hurt me, and I’ll just go through it. That’s how I look at it,” Nussey said.

Nussey’s outlook certainly worked. The senior set an Angelo State record with her time of 2:09.51. For Nussey, this is her final Texas Relays competition, and her standout performance couldn’t have come at a better time.

“I’ve been wanting that 800 record my whole college career. This was my last chance to race at the Texas Relays, my favorite meet, so I’m just ecstatic. I love the atmosphere, there’s so much energy. And it’s a gorgeous campus. You run with the best here.”

A divisional battle

The heptathlon, consisting of seven different events, is one of the more grueling undertakings in track. However, for Oregon’s Brianne Theisen, the event is nothing more than a day’s work. On day one, Theisen showed why she is the defending NCAA champion. She set personal bests in the shot put and high jump and tallied 3,651 points. That total is 67 points better than her previous day-one best.

Wednesday’s performance put the junior ahead of Angelo State’s Aisha Adams by 166 points.

Still, despite the difference, any slipup on Thiesen’s part could make for an interesting finish to the event. There are still four events to be completed, and with so many points yet to be scored, anything can happen.

Adams is a formidable opponent, and she too is a defending NCAA heptathlon champion, albeit in Division II. The heptathlon will resume today, and the winner will be crowned later this afternoon.

NFL: Thomas improves 40-yard dash time

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on or without the game on the line.

“The main thing for me is it’s not going to be as much about the numbers and 40s and all that stuff,” Shipley said. “It’s going to be more about playing football, and that’s what I do, that’s what I’m here for. This ... is not real football. I’m excited to get to finally play some football soon.”

Number five

Earl Thomas’ number at Texas may have been 12, but in Mack Brown’s eyes, he’s number five. With his declaration for the NFL Draft after Texas’ loss to Alabama in the BCS National Championship, Thomas became just the fifth Longhorn in the Mack Brown era to leave school with eligibility remaining. Quarterback Vince Young, tight end Jermichael Finley, running back Jamaal Charles and receiver Kwame Cavil are the other four.

“I’m going to miss Texas,”

Thomas said. “I’m glad I came out. There was no doubt in my mind that I was ready to play in the NFL. So far, it’s been working out for me.”

Everything’s been working out for Thomas so well because of the workouts he’s been showing NFL scouts and coaches.

“Earl Thomas should be first half of the first round,” McShay said.

Thomas impressed all the scouts, coaches and general managers of the 28 NFL teams represented on Wednesday with his performance in the 40 when he ran a 4.35. But just as Thomas was crossing the finish line, he tweaked his left hamstring, which caused him to miss the rest of the workouts.

“I was like, ‘If I’m going to tweak it, I’d rather tweak it doing a 4.3,’” Thomas said. “I actually was going to do everything over again just to show everybody that I’m competitive. But when the hamstring came, I’m going to take it easy right now and try to get that better.”

Big Serg

There was no question that Sergio Kindle’s MVP-esque performance against Alabama in the national championship game improved his draft stock. And when coupled with his showing at the NFL Combine, he appears to be a lock to be taken within the first 20 overall picks in April’s draft.

Kindle was so happy with his performance at the combine that he sat out the first half of Pro Day, which involved testing his 40, vertical and other combine type measurements.

“Kindle ... is hanging on his combine numbers, which are perfectly good enough,” McShay said.

When it came time to do position drills, however, Kindle laced up the cleats and worked out. Twice. Kindle performed drills with both the offensive linemen and the linebackers.

“I wanted to be comfortable at both, and I was ... I felt good,” Kindle said.

Despite tweaking his knee and fighting through the pain



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Former Longhorn defensive end Sergio Kindle stretches before his performance at Texas’ Pro Day on Wednesday. Kindle is expected to go early in the first round of April’s draft.

during position drills, Kindle felt far more comfortable with the workouts at Texas’ Pro Day than he did with those at the combine.

“It was a whole lot different

drills than the combine out here today,” Kindle said. “I feel like more of an athlete here than a track star like I was at the combine. This is more football, this is more what the coaches want

to see, that’s why they’re all here today. Running the 40 is one thing, but when you put on pads, the 40 really don’t matter because you’ve got to put on extra 15 pounds of equipment.”

SG passes group proposal to keep Cactus Cafe open

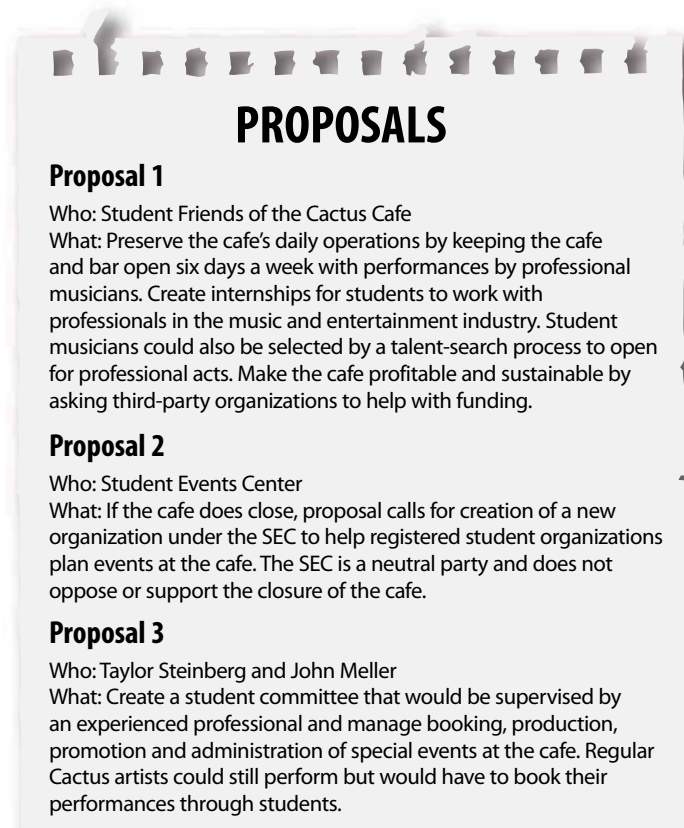
By Nehal Patel
Daily Texan Staff

After several delays, Student Government passed a resolution Tuesday night in support of a proposal by the Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe to keep the cafe open. The proposal, along with two others, was submitted at the Feb. 26 Texas Union Board meeting to suggest ideas about the cafe's future.

The proposal, by Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe, an organization created in February to help keep the cafe open, has three main points: Preserve the cafe's daily operations and performances, increase student opportunities and support for the venue and make the cafe profitable and sustainable by using third-party organizations — such as Friends of the Cactus Cafe — to help with funding, said Zach Bidner, co-founder of the group and government senior.

"There is no reason for the Cactus to be losing money," Bidner said. "We believe there is a lot of unrealized potential revenue, and there is no reason why profit increases can't continue, especially with the publicity the cafe is getting now."

A second proposal by the University Unions Student Events Center is based on the original decision to close the cafe and focuses on student use of the cafe space. It calls for the creation of a new student organization that would help UT students and registered student organizations perform and host events at the cafe, said theater junior Andrew Nash, president of the Student Events Center and



PROPOSALS

Proposal 1

Who: Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe

What: Preserve the cafe's daily operations by keeping the cafe and bar open six days a week with performances by professional musicians. Create internships for students to work with professionals in the music and entertainment industry. Student musicians could also be selected by a talent-search process to open for professional acts. Make the cafe profitable and sustainable by asking third-party organizations to help with funding.

Proposal 2

Who: Student Events Center

What: If the cafe does close, proposal calls for creation of a new organization under the SEC to help registered student organizations plan events at the cafe. The SEC is a neutral party and does not oppose or support the closure of the cafe.

Proposal 3

Who: Taylor Steinberg and John Meller

What: Create a student committee that would be supervised by an experienced professional and manage booking, production, promotion and administration of special events at the cafe. Regular Cactus artists could still perform but would have to book their performances through students.

member of the Union Board.

A third proposal was submitted by management junior Taylor Steinberg and communication studies senior John Meller. The proposal suggests creating a student committee that would be supervised by an experienced music or event industry professional to give students experience in promoting and administering special events.

"Our proposal maintains the business aspect of the cafe and integrates an academic program that has professional opportuni-

ties for students," Steinberg said.

The Union Board has asked Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez to review the three proposals and present recommendations at the April 30 board meeting.

"The board doesn't have the final say in the situation," Nash said. "We're hoping [Gonzalez] will present something that will solve the student involvement issue, budget problem, address community needs and their use of the cafe and continue the traditions of the cafe."

PCL ends laptop checkout service

By Radhika Sakalkale
Daily Texan Staff

Due to insufficient funding, the Perry-Castañeda Library will no longer lend out its laptops to students.

Previously, when laptops failed, money would be allocated to fix them. But now, the machines are showing signs of old age, said Suzanne McAnna, head librarian of circulation services.

"Many of them are sort of Frankensteins," McAnna said. "It has just gotten to the point where we've gotten fewer and fewer to work."

Laptop checkout at the PCL was established in 2003 and allowed for students to check out laptops for 24 hours during weekdays. The laptop service was discontinued Wednesday.

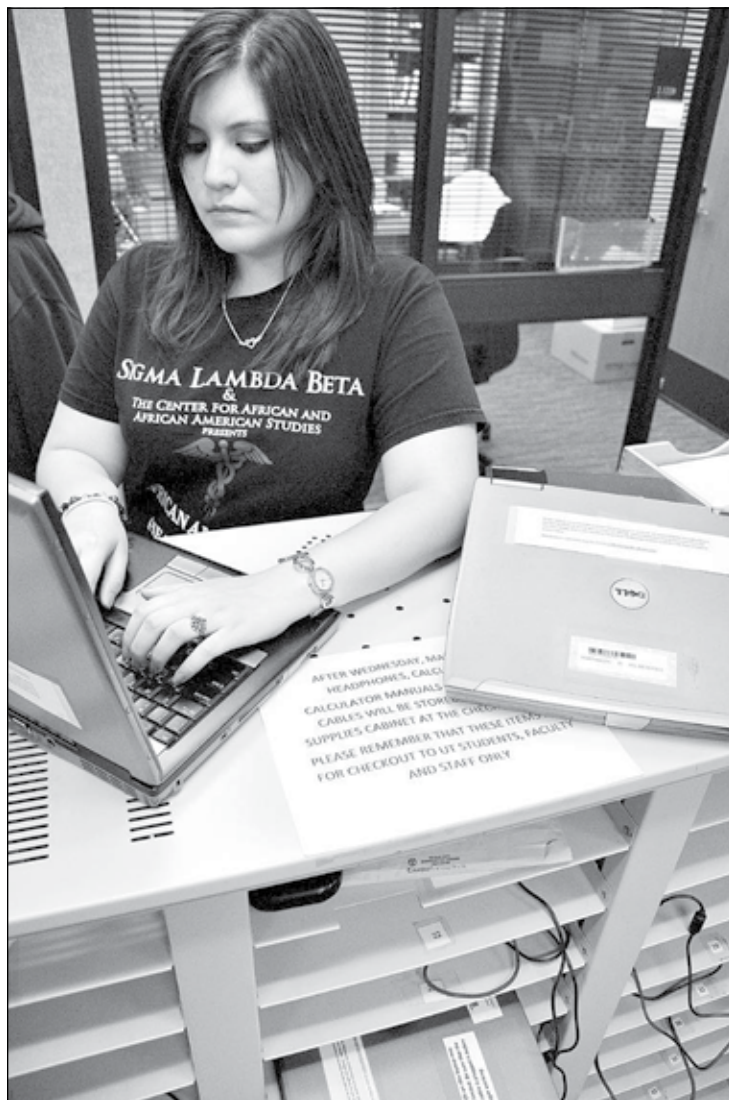
The service proved to be popular among students, with 554 laptops checked out in the past month, said Stephen Littrell, head access services and public affairs librarian.

"Almost all of the laptops are checked out almost all of the time, and we had as many as 28 or so [laptops at one point]. We don't have that many any more," McAnna said. "We have fewer than a dozen left."

Funding was requested but denied twice from the Information Technology Advisory Committee, Littrell said.

"You know how it is with technology. You have to upgrade, and you have to repair, and there just aren't funds," McAnna said. "The library has requested funding more than once but hasn't gotten it."

There are no plans to transfer the laptops from the PCL to a new location, and the remaining machines will likely be surplus or disposed of, McAn-



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Jasmin Lupercio, a health promotions senior and student worker at the PCL circulation desk, inspects a laptop Wednesday afternoon at the PCL. Wednesday was the last day the PCL will check out laptops for student and faculty use.

na said.

"I don't know if anyone would want these laptops. They're pretty clunky," she said.

Two other laptop checkout services are still available. Stu-

dents can check out laptops from the Fine Arts Library seven days a week, and the Flawn Academic Center has 75 Macs and PCs available to students, Littrell said.



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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

WINTER TIRES Solution: 6 letters

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Yesterday's solution

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Don't Blink

By: Sammy

Original Comic by: Katie C.

Uhh...

What are you guys doing?

Starting contest! We're trying to make the other person blink~

You know, if you two do that for too long, your faces will stay that way...

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I... I JUST DON'T KNOW ANYMORE...

John Thorn's Rabbit Run to Graduation by Nam Nguyen

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John, I think you need to break up with your girlfriend!

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Why so blue, Lu?

I'm still just a "friend" in your eyes, John? Won't you realize how I've always felt about you, John?

G Dollars, Please by Jonathan Barceló-Iñiguez and Rachel Weiss (and Victoria G Elliott)

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Miss Round Thing!

Its not what it looks like, I can explain!



Liz Wong, above, along with Alexandra King and Jackie Williamson, all brought their creations to life by using a computer program to design fabrics. Each sought different inspirations to create their own designs.

SHOW: Excitement overshadows ‘perils’

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ing the draped back to catch the air and open up like wings unfurling. Wong created the mushroom cloud inkblot inspired print that will be used for the final look in her collection, Rorschach.

“It’s really exciting to bring your inspiration forward in a more prominent way,” Wong said after modeling the jacket. “It’s not like Alex is going to go out and find a fabric with bird feathers or ‘Long Live McQueen’ on it.”

For textiles and apparel senior and designer Jackie Williamson, these personal touches took the form of something from her childhood — the state fish of Hawaii. Williamson, who had to move every five years because her father was in the military, spent kinder-

garten through fourth grade there and developed a love for bright colors.

Her print juxtaposes abstract color blocks of striking tropical blues, oranges and greens with blocks of taupe. She says her collection also captures a certain sexiness, using a satin corset with her digital print underneath a more structured business jacket.

“When I think of beaches, I

know what a tropical, exotic beach is,” Williamson said, while surrounded by her bold fabric.

“So when I’ve gone to other places like Seattle or Oregon or even in Texas, the beaches aren’t like beaches. They’re like rocks.”

Williamson also listed some of the perils of using digital prints. While sending off her design to separate Web sites depending on which fabric she wanted, she learned that not all of her fabrics’ colors matched.

Nevertheless, the fact that her

tropical orange looked more like a tropical red didn’t set her back.

King, on the other hand, faced several delays in shipping, not receiving her fabric until Saturday and having to craft her jacket by Tuesday. Although she paid a little more to have hers made by an industry printer who makes fabrics for Broadway musicals, she said she was more like “some student who didn’t have a high priority.”

“My print was off-grain,” King said, referring to prints made going along the lines of the fabric. “Luckily, it was a drapery thing, but if it was a structured garment, it would have looked terrible.”

King and the other designers remained enthusiastic about being able to fully show their vision at the fashion show.

“It’s really exciting to bring your inspiration forward in a more prominent way.”

— Liz Wong
Textiles and apparel senior

CAKE: Cookie business reflects owner’s dry, ironic personality

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most. They share a liking for mockery, often of one another, which is how the company got its start.

After a night of his usual “drunk-and-bitch sessions” with Kristin, they discussed the idea of snide cookie cakes. She showed up the next morning at work with a cake that said, “Suck it.” Instead of taking offense, Adam says he remembers how happy it made him to see an insulting cookie cake delivered to him.

“I think that Say It With Cookie Cake definitely speaks to part of Adam’s personality,” Kahlich says. “He’s oftentimes disarmingly witty, where it takes you a few seconds to even understand the joke. So while you’re uncontrollably laughing, you’re also trying to figure out how he came up with it so quickly.”

Oddly enough, once he starts self-analyzing and talking about his lack of sleep, he seems to relax, crossing his feet into a more comfortable position. When asked if he

is sarcastic like the comments on the cake, he questions himself before jumping into a discussion on absurdity and irony.

“I think there are enough people that are in on the joke to see that no matter what you are writing on a hateful cookie cake, that is an act of love. It’s a total love-hate thing, and that is what strikes me as this really absurd thing that I love. It’s ironic more than it is sarcastic, and I think I am ironic more than I am sarcastic ...” he says. After a long pause, he adds, “I don’t know where I am going with this.”

As the interview winds down, he relaxes, allowing himself to laugh. His speech speeds up, and there is less of a thought process about word choice, allowing his bizarre wit to come through.

“We want people to think of us as the go-to place for the birthday when ‘Happy birthday, old chum’ won’t do,” he says, “and for the anniversary where ‘I love you’ isn’t going to cut it.”

HEIGHTS: Despite promising start, story transforms into soap opera

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from a different point of view, is a fantastic way for readers to delve deeper into the thoughts of each character.

The beginning of the novel gives an interesting glimpse into marriage and parenthood, and Hedges never glosses over the realities

of either. Around the middle of the novel, the plot unfortunately turns into a soap opera-esque drama, which makes it seem that Hedges has written the novel simply to sell the film rights, which may be a good thing. “The Heights” would make a much better romantic dramedy than work of literature.

Grade B-

MUSIC: Hockey should bring lively show to accompany your cold beer

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Still, Hockey seems like one of those bands that will only get better with time.

Hockey plays at Emo’s on Friday, so if you are at home watching re-

runs of “Dancing with the Stars,” put down the remote and be adventurous. The band may not bring much originality to the table, but its sound will still have you jumping up and down with a nice cold beer in your hand, assuming you are of age.

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McQueen inspires 'High Voltage' show



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

Above, seniors Alexandra King and Liz Wong admire King's personally created fabric, inspired by birds of paradise and Alexander McQueen designs. The two will display their other designs in the senior fashion show at the end of the month. Below, several patterns created by the students.

"Birds of Paradise" Alex King



"Rorschach" Liz Wong



"Untitled" Jackie Williamson

Digital prints will dominate annual fashion expo

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series that highlights trends in the upcoming UT fashion show which will be held on April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Frank Erwin Center.

By Gerald Rich
Daily Texan Staff

Deep blue and black contrasted by light blue and grey mushroom clouds spill across fabric, dripping over one another like a Rorschach inkblot test. This is one kind of unique, design that digital prints allows.

Digital prints, or prints that designers create using Photoshop or Illustrator, are a growing trend, allowing designers to further develop their garments

from start to finish. According to some UT senior designers, this year's senior textiles and apparel fashion show, "High Voltage," will feature more digital prints than ever before.

Each year, the show brings hundreds of people to the Frank Erwin Center, helping to launch the seniors' careers and later earning them awards from the school based on their designs.

Famously innovative UK fashion designer Alexander McQueen, who died in February, most notably used digital prints in his spring 2010 ready-to-wear collection, giving his fabrics an almost reptilian and complex appearance with intricate pat-

terns like butterfly's wings.

It was McQueen's work, which was often inspired by birds, that in turn inspired senior textiles and apparels major Alex King to create her line, Birds of Paradise.

The phrase "Long Live McQueen" is printed subtly on her jacket, which is covered in dark green, blue and purple images of feathers that repeat throughout the garment in crystalline-like cubes.

King had her designer friend and fellow textiles and apparel senior, Liz Wong, walk around with her jacket, allow-

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BOOK REVIEW

'The Heights' delves into married life, temptation

By Kate Ergenbright
Daily Texan Staff

Peter Hedges, author of the critically acclaimed "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" and the screenplays for "About A Boy" and "Dan in Real Life," offers an intimate look at marriage, parenthood and temptation in his first novel in 12 years, "The Heights." The novel follows Tim Welch, a private-school history teacher, and his wife, Kate, a stay-at-home mom with two small boys. Their lives are turned upside down when the uniquely beautiful and captivating Anna Brody moves into their neighborhood with her rich, philandering husband and young daughter.

In their neighborhood, the historic Brooklyn Heights, Tim and Kate are surrounded by flaunted affluence. As one of the only middle-class families in the area, they feel the burden of living in New York with only Tim's meager teaching salary to survive on — until, out of the blue, Anna is offered a fantastic job opportunity working for a large corporation's charity foundation.

Meanwhile, Anna Brody, the newest addition to the Heights, wades through the many invitations and requests for friendship from her wealthy neighbors. She zeroes in on the Welch's, bringing them into her mysterious world. Little do they know, however, that they are getting in way over their heads and that their friendship with Brody could take a disastrous toll on their relationship.

"The Heights" is a quick read, although not a very enjoyable one. Hedges does a good job of creating fully developed and realistic characters, but none of them are particularly likeable, which makes it difficult for readers to take pleasure in the novel. I often found myself wanting to yell at Kate for her unappreciative attitude and at Tim for his emotional weaknesses. Both characters could have used a good stern talking to. The ending is satisfying and the narrative style, with each small chapter told

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Band draws hard-to-meet comparisons since debut

Hockey provides rhythm to dance; originality isn't there, according to critics

By Mark Lopez
Daily Texan Staff

The sound of Hockey's debut single, "Too Fake," recalls a time and place where disco-style, punk-influenced dance music reigned supreme. It is a comforting sound, but one that can become monotonous if not done correctly.

The members of Hockey include singer Benjamin Grubin, guitarist Brian White, bassist Jeremy Reynolds and drummer Anthony Stassi.

Hockey has been around for the past two years and released their debut album, *Mind Chaos*, in September of 2009. The band has also performed on "Later with Jools Holland" and "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."

Another one of their singles, "Learn to Lose," which was released prior to their debut album, seems reminiscent of the song

"Honeybear" by art-rock trio Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

While the band plays heavily on the aesthetic of pop-influenced rock music, Hockey's sound can seem a little trying at times, and Grubin's vocals can seem as if he is trying hard to reach a point of no return but ends up falling flat.

Hockey has also garnered several comparisons to The Strokes and LCD Soundsystem, and listening to the band, it is easy to understand how those interpretations came about. However, Hockey lacks an immense amount of the originality that The Strokes conjured on *Is This It*.

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WHAT: Hockey (with The Constellations and The Postelles)

WHERE: Emo's (outside stage)

WHEN: Friday. Doors open at 9 p.m.

TICKETS: \$10



Courtesy of Hockey

Hockey will bring their disco-style, punk-influenced dance music to Emo's on Friday.

Cakes make sour messages sweeter



Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a bimonthly series looking into the lives of students who help shape the city of Austin.

By Amber Genuscu
Daily Texan Staff

Adam Avramescu is wandering around the lobby of the Union in neon-striped Adidas sneakers that heavily contrast his ensemble of blue clothing — navy blue cotton blazer, light blue oxford top and blue jeans. He is holding a silver tray full of cookie cake decorated with blue and white icing. Written on the cake is a phrase not often iced onto confectionery treats — "Bite me."

The rectangular chocolate-chip-cookie cake is a product of Adam's make-shift baked-goods delivery company, Say It With Cookie Cake.

"We have all had our moments in life where we just want to lash out and say the things that we couldn't say — and, of course, if you say that to someone's face, that gets you slapped or fired or ... " he trails off, thinking as he scratches his neck, "Dumped. I just thought, why not just say it with cookie cake? Why not have a venue to say the things you can't say yourself in this really absurd and delicious way?"

Whether it is ironic, sarcastic or absurd, any message can be iced onto the cakes — with the exceptions of hate speech, because they will not bake a hate crime. The \$20 cakes are baked on a made-to-order-basis out of various commercial kitchens and hand delivered by Adam himself. Though he frequently ices the classic "eat me" or typical "I love you," Adam says his favorite delivery was for a couple.



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Adam Avramescu, English and liberal arts honors student and co-founder of Say It With Cookie Cake, bakes and delivers cookie cakes iced with phrases such as "Who farted?" or "Suck it."

"My favorite by far was a couple who, without knowing it, both

sition in his chair and barely moves, with the exception of the occasional

"We have all had our moments in life where we just want to lash out."

— Adam Avramescu
Co-founder of Say It With Cookie Cake

The interview moves outside to the patio chairs of the Starbuck in the West Mall on a humid but breezy spring night. Adam assumes his po-

He starts talking about the music scene in Denton, a place he often visited with his Colleyville band,

Fish Boy. On top of Cookie Cake, which launched a month ago, and Fish Boy, Adam also plays with local band Minorcan and works full time at educational company BancVue as an instructional designer developing curriculum.

Before BancVue, Adam worked at Enspire Learning — he notes that he has never been able to hold a job with a company that could spell its name right — where he met his cookie-cake co-pilots, Kristin Kahl-ich and Alex Kasavin. He says they are "two of the most," again choosing his words, "fiercely — I don't even know what adjective I want to put on that — but very fierce."

It is obvious that these are the people with whom Adam associates

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